

### **Remarks/Arguments**

Claims 12 to 34 are pending. Claims 13, 17 and 19 have been cancelled.

Page 2 of the Office Action stated that Claims 12, 14 to 16, 20, 21, 29, 31, 33 and 34 are allowed. Page 3 of the Office Action stated: that Claims 12, 14 to 16, 20, 21, 29, 31, 33 and 34 are allowable over the prior art of record; and that the remaining claims would be allowable if amended to overcome the hereinabove rejections and objections. Applicants thank the Examiner for indicating the allowance/allowability of such claims.

Claims 13, 17, 22-28, 30 and 32 have been objected to.

The Office Action stated that, in Claim 13, step "d", and Claim 17, line 1, "catalysts" should be changed to "catalyst" to correct the problem. Both claims have been so amended.

This objection should be withdrawn.

Claim 19 has been rejected under 35 U.S.C. 112, second paragraph, as being indefinite for failing to particularly point out and distinctly claim the subject matter which applicants regard as the invention.

The Office Action stated that: Claim 19 lacks literal antecedent basis earlier in the claims for the recitation of "the activated catalysts"; and that, in line 2, "catalysts" should be changed to "catalyst". Claim 19 has been amended in such manner.

This rejection should be withdrawn.

The Office Action stated: that applicants are advised that any evidence to be provided under 37 C.F.R. 1.131 or 1.132 and any amendments to the claims

and specification should be submitted prior to final rejection to be considered timely. It is anticipated that the next Office Action will be a final rejection.

Reconsideration, reexamination and allowance of the claims are requested.

Respectfully submitted,

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